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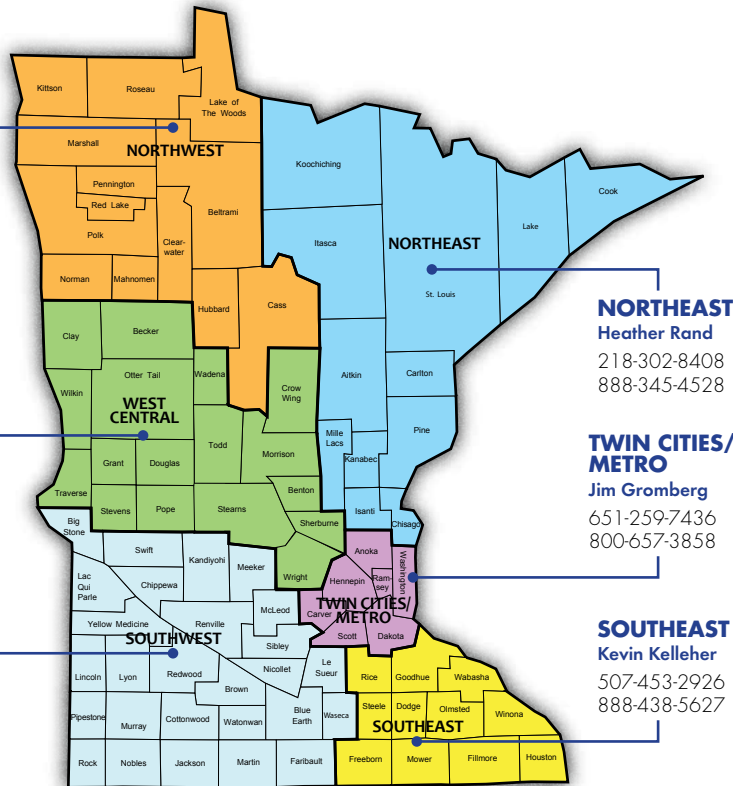
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Minnesota Business First Stop delivers high-level customer service to help streamline the development process for complex business expansions and relocations that involve financing, licensing, permitting, or assistance from multiple state agencies.



The Business First Stop Team

Commissioners of nine state agencies provide coordinated leadership and appoint experienced, lead staff to work across agencies to focus problem-solving as needed to address the economic, environmental and community concerns common to innovative or complex projects today.

Lead staff meet with agency commissioners to coordinate assistance for projects ranging from multi-million dollar expansions to innovative clean energy, water quality or green chemistry projects.



Team Partners

Expertise and experience in each of these state agencies are available to help your business succeed. Minnesota Business First Stop agencies:

- Department of Employment and Economic Development (Lead Agency)
- Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources
- Department of Natural Resources
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Labor and Industry
- Department of Revenue
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Department of Agriculture
- Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board



Testimonials

Potlatch

Potlatch, a forest products company with 1.4 million acres of timberland in three states, including Minnesota, planned to expand production at its Bemidji lumber-manufacturing facility by adding a new wood-drying kiln.

“We used the Minnesota Business First Stop team to expedite part of our expansion process. From the beginning of the process, we knew where to go and that we were talking with the right people.”

—Pete Aube, manager Bemidji Potlatch plant

EarthClean Corporation

For a new company, getting information about Minnesota Business First Stop is crucial. When you start a business, many people don't know what to do or who to talk to. Minnesota Business First Stop helps your get in front of the right people.”

—EarthClean President, Scott Bocklund



Startups Welcome!

Although First Stop's focus is on projects that need input from multiple state agencies to best succeed, the state has programs and connections to resources for new businesses as well – and the First Stop Team can connect you to them.